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SUBJ: BUILDING AT PRESTIGIOUS AFRIKAANS SCHOOL DESTROYED BY FIRE

SUMMARY: ONE OF THE MAIN BUILDINGS AT THE JAN VAN RIEBEECK PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CAPE TOWN WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST NIGHT. AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET ISSUED STATEMENT AS TO CAUSE. END SUMMARY

1. THE ORIGINAL BUILDING OF THE PRESTIGIOUS JAN VAN RIEBEECK PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CAPE TOWN WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST NIGHT FOLLOWING A "LOUD EXPLOSION" HEARD BY RESIDENTS IN THE AREA. THE SCHOOL HAD BEEN THE TARGET OF ARSON ATTEMPTS ON FOUR PREVIOUS OCCASIONS IN THE PAST YEAR. THE LAST ONE, IN APRIL THIS YEAR, RESULTED IN DAMAGE OF R20,000 TO THE SCHOOL HALL AND RESULTED IN PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR MUNNIK OFFERING A REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF THE ARSONISTS.

2. THE VAN RIEBEECK SCHOOL IS ONE OF THE MOST UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESTIGIOUS IN CAPE TOWN, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATOR MANNIK'S DAUGHTER AMONG ITS STUDENTS. AUTHORITIES HAVE AS YET ISSUED NO RPT NO DAMAGE ESTIMATE OR STATEMENT CONCERNING CAUSE OF FIRE, ALTHOUGH ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS POLICE CONFIRMED THAT COURTYARD OF SCHOOL HAD BEEN BROKEN INTO AND THAT CAUSE OF EXPLOSION WAS BEING INVESTIGATED. GIVEN FACT OF

EXPLOSION AND PREVIOUS HISTORY, THERE IS STRONG PRESUMPTION
THAT THIS WAS LATEST IN SERIES OF POLITICALLY
MOTIVATED ARSON ATTACKS.WHITE

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